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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/153,621	SMITH, ROGER Q.	
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	Tuan T Dinh	2841	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Tuan T Dinh. (3) Adan Ayala.
 (2) Jeffery Gaffin. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 26 September 2001.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: _____.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Adan Ayala shows a flexible connection which is a gasket connected a protection bar to a housing.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

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 Examiner's signature, if required